

Senate approves WRDA package, sets up negotiations with House

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The Senate last week approved

(<https://www.epw.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/2022/7/carper-capito-lead-senate-passage-of-water-resources-development-act>) its 2022 version of the Water Resources Development Act, biennial legislation that authorizes a variety of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers flood control, navigation, and ecosystem restoration projects and studies. The Senate's (https://www.epw.senate.gov/public/_cache/files/c/d/cd08e488-f547-44fa-aa3a-c0007577fb0a/6D41C1612AC52EC1CA392E36446F0F2E.edw22465.pdf) amended version (https://www.epw.senate.gov/public/_cache/files/c/d/cd08e488-f547-44fa-aa3a-c0007577fb0a/6D41C1612AC52EC1CA392E36446F0F2E.edw22465.pdf) of H.R. 7776 passed by a tally of 93 – 1, and it will now be used to negotiate a final water resources package with the House of Representatives.

The Senate-approved WRDA bill would authorize 36 new Army Corps feasibility studies. Earlier this summer, the House of Representatives approved (<https://www.amwa.net/article/house-approves-water-resources-package-authorizing-army-corps-projects>) its own WRDA proposal that carried authorizations for 72 feasibility studies, among other provisions.

Neither the House nor Senate WRDA proposals touch on drinking water or wastewater policy at EPA this year, a departure from recent practice but an expected development given the numerous water and wastewater provisions included in last year's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The two chambers will begin negotiations to reach a final WRDA agreement, with passage expected before the end of the year.

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